

REAL LIFE ROMANCE.

This, on the Stage, Would Be Classed
as Melodrama.

Only Shows, However, That Truth Al-
ways Is Stranger Than Fiction
—The Story of Poor Hans
Kessner's Wooing.

Considering the love-making and ro-
manticism of real life, there is no such
thing as melodrama on the stage. Few
task scenes, with real water, in the
ensemble, could be staged with the
realism that is chronicled almost every
day in the news reports of the country.
The galleries, even, would protest
against the "fairy story" element that
is in them.

Imagine the love affair of Hans Kes-
sner and Miss Dora Hanson put upon
the stage as an example of the legiti-
mate.

Two years ago Kessner was a farm-
hand, working near Plattsmouth, Neb.
The Hanson family were neighbors of
Kessner's employers, and Dora Han-
son, a favorite daughter, was the belle
of the neighborhood. A dozen young
men of the place had sought to marry
her, but she had refused them all. Cer-
tainly when Hans Kessner chanced to
meet her while assisting with the
Hanson harvest he had no hope of
winning her affections. Perhaps it was
his own forgetfulness of himself that
first drew her to him. At any rate,
a woman cannot smile upon any man
as Miss Hanson began to smile upon
the simple-hearted Hans without
awakening hopes.

Suddenly the whole neighborhood
was thunderstruck with the announce-
ment of the engagement of Dora Han-
son and Hans Kessner. The announce-
ment was a double humiliation to the
young men who had been refused. No
one knows where it began, but in a
few days a plot was hatched against
the match. An idle vagabond in the
neighboring village was drawn into it,
and for the promise of \$100 in case he
prevented the wedding he agreed to
stop it at any cost.

This was two years ago. When the
day of the wedding arrived this tool
of the plotters posted himself near the
Hanson barn, near which Kessner
would have to pass, and as the bride-
groom came up the man stepped out,
accused Kessner of owing him \$200,
and threatened to expose him to the
Hansons if it was not paid on the spot.

Kessner denied the charge strenuously,
but the accuser became more and
more impudent, until finally, angered
beyond measure, Kessner seized an old
pick handle and struck the fellow over
the head. The man dropped in his
tracks as if shot. For an instant Kes-
sner bent over him, and seeing no sign
of life in the man, he turned and fled
into the gathering dusk.

Confederates of the man were near,
and they took up the senseless body,
carrying it into the house, where the
prospective bride waited. They told
her that Kessner, drunk and brutal, had
assaulted a friend and, leaving him for
dead, had escaped. The man was
nursed back to consciousness, and in a
day or two was himself again. He
joined in the scandalous stories that
were circulated everywhere, and finally
nearly everybody had forgotten him,
save the girl, who remained true.

Two weeks ago Hans Kessner, hand-
some, well dressed and prosperous, ap-
peared at the Hanson homestead. In a
moment Dora Hanson was in his
arms. Loyal, always, she could take
the explanation for granted. These
explanations were so much stronger
than fiction that their truth was on the
face of them.

Kessner, believing that he had killed
a man, had fled to Germany. He went
to Hamburg and engaged in business,
prospered and about the 1st of Jan-
uary, when he received a letter from
an old friend in Missouri, he was worth
more than \$100,000. This letter, in
answer to one that Kessner had writ-
ten, explained that the supposed vic-
tim was only stunned, that he had re-
covered fully, and that the whole story
of the deep plot was out. Kessner pre-
pared at once to sail for America, and
his arrival at the Hanson homestead
was the climax of the romance. The
wedding was performed in the Hanson
parlor by the same minister who had
been summoned two years before, and
the young couple already are settled
in their new home in Hamburg, Ger-
many.

New Zealand's Big Geyser.
In Rotomahana, New Zealand,
there is an immense geyser, which
covers an area an acre in extent,
and constantly throws columns of
water to vast heights, some of them
ascending 300 feet, with clouds of
steam, which go much higher.

Monkey Paints Himself Red.
A pet monkey is owned by Dr.
James Nevins Hyde, of Chicago. A
short time ago the animal discovered
a bottle of brandy in the doctor's
laboratory and drank consid-
erable of it. In a little while he felt
so jolly and mischievous that he re-
solved to paint the town red. In his
efforts to get out of the house he
stumbled upon a box of carmine
powder, and with this he painted
himself red, from his nose to his
tail.

HON. M. A. HANNA.

The Greatest Living American—He
Has Th: Confidence of the Country.

Whatever may be said of senator
Marcus A. Hanna, it must be admitted
that he is the greatest man in
America today. The people have
confidence in him because he is
honest and patriotic. His recent defense
of Rathbone, his friend, indicates the
character of the man. It was indeed
commendable in him when he came
to the rescue and defense of a fallen
friend and there are thousands of
Americans who believe in the inno-
cence of Mr. Rathbone. He is a friend
in deed and in fact when one comes
to your defense when you have fallen.
Such a man can be trusted, a man
who also protects the interest of the
laboring classes is a benefactor.
Senator Hanna is today the greatest
American living and whether he is a
candidate for the presidency or not
the people will nominate him by ac-
clamation. He will be compelled to
accept. He could not afford to decline.
Long live Marcus A. Hanna!

ROOSTER KILLS HAWKS.

Red Game Bird, Famed for Endur-
ance and Pluck, Makes Short
Work of His Enemies.

The novelty of a game rooster pit-
ted successfully against two monster
chicken hawks was witnessed the
other night in the front show window
of a Main street saloon, at Zanesville,
O. At a cocking main at Newark a red
game rooster belonging to Jake Hart-
meyer killed all the crack birds put
up by Newark and carried off many
hundreds of dollars for the Zanesville
sports.

The other night Hartmeyer wagered
\$200 that his rooster could kill the two
big chicken hawks which for several
days past had been confined in a cage
in C. W. Morrison's saloon window.
The wager was accepted and side bets
aggregating \$1,000 were made.

The novel contest of the game chick-
en against the birds of prey was wit-
nessed by the mayor and a crowd
aggregating 200 people. The hawks were
the largest ever captured in this sec-
tion, measuring more than four feet
from tip to tip of their wings, and it
was the general expectation that short
work would be made of the chicken.

The first fight was short and vicious.
Both birds rushed at each other. The
hawk caught the rooster by the throat,
but before he could rend the game
chicken the latter prodded him to
death with the steel gaff with which he
was armed. When the first hawk was
dead the second one was immediately
thrown into the cage. The second fight
was a longer and harder one, but it
also ended in the hawk being killed
by the gaff being thrust through its
neck.

"So your husband died while you were
abroad," said the hostess.
"Yes," replied the young widow of old
Mr. Skinfint, with an appropriately mourn-
ful sigh; "poor John has gone to his final
reward."

"Beg pardon," said the host, suddenly,
"that reminds me I must go down and look
at the furnace fire."—Philadelphia Press.

THE MAN WHO KNOWS.

Mrs. Scribner—That manuscript of mine
is lost—class.

Mr. Scribner—Who told you?

"The man I bought the stamps from in
the post office."—Philadelphia Record.

**JOHN M'KEE, COLORED
MILLIONAIRE, DEAD.**

WAS BORN IN ALEXANDRIA, VA.,
OVER EIGHTY YEARS AGO.

Left Three Grandsons Who Live in
Washington—Owned From 300
to 400 Houses in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, April 8.—Colonel John
McKee, who died Sunday night at his
residence, 1030 Lombard Street, as
the result of a paralytic stroke, was
one of the wealthiest colored men in
the city, if not in the country. At one
time he owned more than 1,000,000
acres of land, and his estate is said to
be valued at between \$1,500,000 and
\$2,000,000.

Colonel McKee was born in 1821, at
Alexandria, Va., and was indentured
as a brickmaker when he was in his
teens. At seventeen he ran away to
Baltimore, and for years was employ-
ed in a confectioner's establishment. His
uncle learned that the boy was in Bal-
timore, and sent a sheriff after him
there, and he was brought back to
Alexandria to finish his apprenticeship
in the brick yard.

At twenty-one years of age Colonel
McKee came to this city and got em-
ployment in a livery stable. Later, he
entered the service of James Prosser,
a well known restaurateur, in Market
Street, below Eighth. Then he mar-
ried his employer's daughter, and Mr.
Prosser retiring from business, con-
ducted the restaurant until about 1866.
Colonel McKee had been buying prop-
erty from time to time, and on his re-
tirement from the restaurant entered
actively in the real estate business,
buying and selling property for him-

self. His office was at his house in
Lombard Street, which he built in 1858,
and where he resided until his death.
In this city Colonel McKee owned,
at the time of his death, from 300 to
400 houses, each of them unencum-
bered. He was the founder and owner
of McKee City, on the West Jersey
Railroad, a tract of 4,500 acres, divid-
ed into twenty-one farms. He also
owned about 300,000 acres of coal and
oil land in Kentucky and in Logan
county, W. Va.; a tract of twenty-one
acres at Fifth Street and Oregon Ave-
nue, this city; over 23,000 acres of land
in Bath and Steuben counties, N. Y.;
a farm of sixty-six acres at Cr ydon,
on the Delaware river, besides many
other properties in Pennsylvania and
in other States. In the management
of these and other properties he had
been assisted for the last thirty years
by his secretary Raymond J. Burr.

Colonel McKee, in 1870, organized
and was the Colonel of the Thirtieth
Regiment, National Guard of Penn-
sylvania, in the Fifth Brigade, of
which Gen. Louis Wagner was brig-
adier general, and continued in the
command for two years. Afterward
he organized and was Colonel of the
Eighth New Jersey, another colored
Regiment.

There are surviving Colonel McKee

white High School. Well there is not
so much need of tactics now as there
is for more common sense and practi-
cal education.

THE CHARITY RECEPTION

Fully 2,500 People Present—The
Greatest Social Event of the
Season.

The Charity reception at Con-
vention Hall on last Friday evening was
beyond all doubt the greatest social
event that has been given by the peo-
ple of this city. There were fully
2,500 people present. Mr. Aaron Rus-
sell, president of the Relief Association,
was the manager of the affair and not
withstanding the great number of peo-
ple, the committee handled everything
nicely with the exception of the cloak
room. Some of the guests did not leave
till 5 or 6:30 o'clock on account of the
rush in the cloak room.
The toilets of some of the ladies were
very exquisite. The music was the
best that has been executed at any re-
ception. The city has never witness-
ed such a social event among its peo-
ple. It was a reception in which all



DOUGLASS B. MCGARY.
Cashier of the Capital Savings Bank—The Bank is Safe and Strong says the Cashier.

a daughter, Mrs. A. A. Sybax, of this
city, and six grandsons, who are Har-
ry McKee Menton and Ernest F. and
Theophilus M. McKee, of this city,
and John, Douglass P. and Marcellus
M. McKee, of Washington, D. C.

THE CAPITAL SAVINGS BANK

All Demands Promptly Met—No Con-
nection with the Building Asso-
ciation.

The malicious falsehood that was
circulated this week that the Capital
Savings Bank had a suit to defend,
failed to accomplish the object of the
enemies of the bank. There is no con-
nection, whatever, or association be-
tween the officers of the bank and the
Building Association; and again, the
man, Jordan, is not a stock-holder in
the bank, hence he could not ask for
the appointment of a receiver if he
had money on deposit. The Capital
Savings Bank is composed of men of
highest integrity and honesty. There
is not a more honorable man in the
city than the President, Hon. John R.
Lynch, and its Treasurer, Mr. Lem-
uel C. Bailey, is one of the most reli-
able men in this city. The Cashier, Mr.
D. B. McGary, has made this institu-
tion a success, and as a man of strict
business qualities, he is that man. If
there was a run on the bank after the
suit had been filed, every demand has
been met and every check honored
that had been presented. During the
financial panic several years ago, the
Capital Savings Bank was one among
the many hundred that withstood that
panic and the conduct of the business
of the bank commanded the admiration
and established the confidence of its
patrons in it. Every demand has
been met and business continues at
the same old stand.

OUR SCHOOLS.

**The Blunder of The Negro—HIS
POWER on the Decline.**

There is a great deal said about the
conduct of the public schools of this
city. The Colored High School
should have a strong male principal at
its head and that very soon. The
report is that the school is not being
improved as The Bee said sometime
ago, the school report said nothing
about Miss Lucy Moten, the principal
of the normal school. Certainly this
lady made her report and the public
would like to know what it is. Gen.
Boynton in his report spoke about the
work of the boys and how they should
learn to cook beans. One would sup-
pose that Gen. Boynton did not want
the boys to learn anything else. Gen.
Harries deserts sometime to military
tactics also does the principal of the

Washington participated. The ladies
committee deserves credit for the excel-
lent manner in which they disposed of
refreshments.

GEORGE F. T. COOK.

The Citizens owe him a debt of Gratitude—An
Educator and a Scholar.

Mr. Geo. F. T. Cook, formerly Sup-
erintendent of the colored schools of this
city is entitled, to the plaudits of the
people. For almost a quarter of a
century he had the supervision of the
education of the colored youth. His
long connection with the colored
schools and the benefit he was to them
and the people entitled him to a public
testimonial on the part of the people.
He deserves it and The Bee suggested
that the citizens show their apprecia-
tion by presenting to Mr. Cook their
confidence of esteem.

OBSERVATIONS FROM LIFE.

Statistics sometimes prove that liars
can figure.

A budding genius is all right until he
begins to blow.

Her father's boot frequently makes
an unfavorable impression.

Too much of the noise in this world
tries to pass itself off as music.

It is better to be wrong at the right
time than right at the wrong time.

The more a woman argues the more
she is unable to convince herself.

Some dancing, instead of being the
poetry of motion, is mere doggerel.

The price of liberty is eternal vigi-
lance, but the cost of repairs is extra.

Young men think themselves wise
and drunken men think themselves so-
ber.

The man who knows it all is a fit
companion for the woman who knows
nothing.

Any man can think as he likes, but
it's always policy to put his thoughts
into words.—Chicago Daily News.

Where Quinine Comes From.
Eighty-five per cent. of the quinine
product of the world comes from
Java.

Helping The Race.

Friday night March 28, 1902, Miss
Lucy Moten, with her class of 1902,
gave an entertainment at the Sojourner
Truth Home and presented the
money as an Easter Offering to the
h. m. s.
The president takes this means of
presenting her thanks to Miss Moten,
and her class and wishing them suc-
cess in their every undertaking.

**MISTAKES OF PROF. BOOKER T.
WASHINGTON.**

Mr. Chase Before the Afro-American
League.

Mr. W. J. Bailor, President of the
Afro-American League of Dauphin
Co., Pennsylvania and Grand Direc-
tor of the Odd Fellows of the city of
Harrisburg, Pa., and Editor of the
Harrisburg Sunday Sentinel Gazette,
was appointed a special committeeman
by Hon. Peter S. Blackburn, State
Organizer, to invite W. Calvin Chase
of The Bee to address the State Leag-
ue of Pennsylvania, which will meet
at Harrisburg, Pa., in August. Sub-
ject: "The Mistakes of Prof. Booker
T. Washington." Mr. Bailor is the
guest of Dr. W. J. Daniels, 1137 24th
Street, N. W.

DOG SAVED FAMILY.

Housed His Mistress, and She
Dragged Out Her Seven Children
Just in the Nick of Time.

A big shepherd dog, a pet of Mrs.
Presspich, a widow, of Baltimore,
saved her and her seven children from
being burned to death at her home on
Stricker street early the other morn-
ing.

The dog had been barking furiously
and jumping against her bedroom door
for a little while before Mrs. Press-
pich was aroused from her sound
sleep. As she opened the door a great
volume of smoke rushed into the room
and the blazing stairway cut off all
escape to the street.

Mrs. Presspich awakened her chil-
dren, who were sleeping in adjoining
rooms. This was no easy task, as two
of them were then partly suffocated.
The second floor was by this time un-
tenable, and Mrs. Presspich ran to the
third floor.

The firemen had not yet arrived, and
the heat and smoke were becoming
unbearable. Mrs. Presspich con-
cluded that her only chance of es-
cape was to rush to the rear and de-
scend from the window to the adjoining
roof. She bundled the youngest
child in a blanket, and with the others
strung behind her, rushed through the
smoke to the rear. Then the widow
first and the children in turn jumped
to the roof below, where the neigh-
bors took care of them.

Handled with Great Care.

No document has ever been handled
with more caution by the senate em-
ployes than the petition signed by 372
lepers, presented the other day by Sen-
ator Foraker. Some of the clerks
asked for tongs, while others demand-
ed gloves. The petition came from the
leper settlement in Hawaii. The pe-
titioners prayed that the settlement
be not made a national leper colony.

Boers Still in the Field.

Col. Sir Vincent Sheffield, who has
just returned from South Africa,
stated in a speech at Eaton that when
he left from 80 to 90 commandoes of
about 200 men each were still in the
field, or in all 16,000 to 18,000 men.

ODD AND CURIOUS.

The chance of two finger-prints be-
ing alike is not one in 54,000,000,000.
Great Britain has 1,951,000 domestic
servants earning £68,500,000 per an-
num.

Bank of England notes are num-
bered backwards, that is from one to
10,000, hence the figures 00,001.

A farmer who hung himself from a
tree near Danbury, Conn., was the
fifteenth member of his family to
commit suicide.

Berlin pays a salary to a profes-
sional bird-catcher, who keeps scien-
tific and educational institutions sup-
plied with birds, birds' nests and
eggs, and he is the only man in the
empire permitted to do so.

ELECTRIC SHOCKS.

Several Chinese cities, beginning
with Shanghai, are to be equipped
with electric lines. The lines of this
city will be ten miles long.

Electric currents from lightning,
of 10,000 volts intensity, have been
measured while passing down the
conductors of the Eiffel tower.

In the high speed electric cars on
the much-written-of Berlin-Zossen
Electric railway, the driver is placed
in the middle of the car and is sepa-
rated by air spaces and iron walls
from the passengers.

A New York man says he drinks
electricity in water and it has made
him ten years younger in a twelve-
month. It restored his teeth, his
sight, his hair, his lost vitality. He
declares that a glassful of the water
as he prepares it will produce suffi-
cient electric force to ring a small
bell.

THE RIVER QUEEN.

The River Queen under the Man-
agement of Mr. L. J. Woolten is open
for business. Go at once and select
your DATE.

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To California, Washington and Ore-
gon points \$48.00. Proportionate re-
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POWER IN POLITICS.

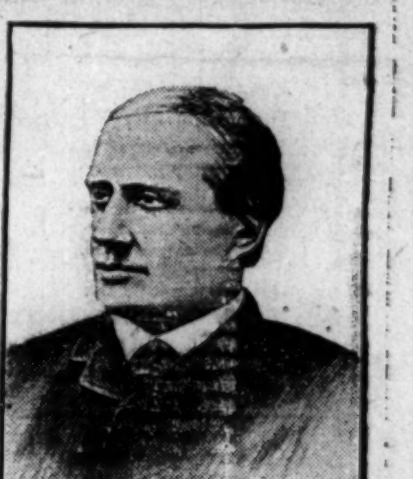
Senator Gorman of Maryland Is a
Born Leader of Men.

To His Followers There is No Judge-
ment as Reliable as His—Story
of a Dream Concerns This
Broad Statement.

During his career in the United
States senate, Mr. Arthur Pue Gor-
man, who has recently been reelect-
ed to that body, took conspicuous
rank among national legislators.
Among his constituents in Maryland
Mr. Gorman was long known as "the
Sphinx," and this title followed him
to the senate, where he was both
admired and feared.

"Day after day," said one of his
old colleagues, "the grim Maryland-
er would sit listening to a heated de-
bate over some important measure.
Even if the proposed bill were
against the interests of his consti-
tuents, either to ask questions or to
combat their arguments, nor would
he mingle in the conflict when his
fellow-opponents combined to fight
the measure. But when the whole
subject had been threshed over, and
the vote was about to be taken, Gor-
man would break his ominous silence.
With calm and critical judgment he
would review the entire subject, and
then would stir the senate with an
oratorical effort that would win the
admiration of even his enemies.

"This habit Gorman had of reserv-
ing his fire," continued his former
associate, "finally made him a for-
midable figure in the senate. At first
his colleagues—some of them, at
least—made the mistake of regard-
ing his silence as an indication either
of indifference or of inability to
grapple with the subject. The fact
that Gorman had once been a page
in the senate induced some of the
older members to regard him, early
in his senatorial career, with indif-
ference. But none of them made
the mistake more than once, I re-
member congratulating a famous
senator for his splendid efforts in
behalf of a certain cause and of say-



ARTHUR PUE GORMAN.
(Democratic Leader and Senator from the
State of Maryland.)

ing to him that triumph for his
measure seemed certain.
"Let us not be over-ambitious," he
replied, "for we must remember that
Gorman hasn't yet been heard from."

Maj. James Albert Clark, who for
many years as a republican editor in
Maryland strenuously opposed Gor-
man, speaks in the highest terms of
the senator. "Gorman," says Maj.
Clark, "would have been at home in
the Roman senate. We have not had
so grim a statesman since Daniel
Webster. I have known Gorman for
nearly a quarter of a century and
during all that time I never knew
him to indulge in a laugh in public.
No element of frivolity ever entered
into his dealings with affairs of state.
It is only in his home life, which is
ideal, that he throws off his bur-
dens. And no man ever loved home
more than Gorman does. Seeing him
there, at frolic with children, one
would not imagine him to be the
Jove of the senate, which he was,
and, no doubt, will be again. It is
said of Gorman," added the major,
"that in all his public career he has
never passed a Sunday away from
his family."

Both the friends and opponents of
Gorman acknowledge his mastery
qualifies as a leader. "Appropos of
his strength in this regard to illu-
strate now completely his followers
rely upon his judgment," said a
Washington official, "one of his old-
time colleagues is fond of telling of
a dream he had. He says he dreamed
that a Maryland statesman died and
in due time was ushered before the
Ultimate Gate, before which all spir-
its stand to await St. Peter's verdict.
"Finally the gate swung open.
"You may enter," said the vener-
able saint.

"The shade from Maryland hesi-
tated, and St. Peter desired to know
the secret of his indecision.
"Well," replied the hesitating one,
"I suppose it's all right for me to go
in, but before I take any step along
this line I should greatly prefer to
be able to confer with Senator Gor-
man, of Maryland."



They Say.

Cowards retreat when they are confronted.
The colored politicians are at a stand still.
Don't be worried when you know you are right.
Think wisely always and express yourself accordingly.
Gratitude is found in the honest hearts.
Be kind always and honest in your expressions.
If you have good friends keep them.
Ex-candidate Bryan is after ex-President Cleveland.
Bryan never knows when to quit talking.
The colored men must get together.
What has become of the report of the Normal School.
The principal is entitled to some consideration.
Will the High School be turned into an industrial school.
There will be no more business High School.
What are our school officials doing.
The colored citizen must be up and doing.
His property will be confiscated soon.
His schools are going from him.
What may the people expect next.
President Roosevelt will aim to be nominated.
This is a peculiar age and don't you forget it.
Some things will come to pass if you are not careful.
All things will end well if you do well.
The man who does good deeds will be given credit for them.
Ohio will have the next President.
Indiana is making a good race for the honor.
Booker Washington will be an object of the past.
Edward H. Deas is making a manly fight.
Who told Booker T. Washington to give out the Lyon's interview.
It looks strange that a publication should be made of a confidential talk.
Is the southern wizzard true to his trust.
There is more behind it and you will see.
Promises made are easily broken.
This is an age of wonders.
Powell will be retained, so the candidates should withdraw.
It is not time to select candidates yet.
New York will disappoint many.
Postmaster Payne is a politician but not strong enough to win the next fight.
John C. New of Indiana will control that delegation.
You cannot subsidize him.
All that looks fair, is some times cloudy behind glasses.
Why is the business High School to be turned into an industrial school.
Don't say a word but watch events.
It is not strange to see our enemies turn against us.
Gorman will be a candidate for the democratic nomination.
Think well and do your duty.
Be what you are and nothing more.
Read THE BEE if you want a good paper.
Don't believe all you hear.
All questions have two sides to them.
Think well before you consent to act.
Politics will be warm soon.
There will be an investigation of southern frauds.
What has become of Tillman.

Europe's Military Bureau.
France has a soldier to every 53 inhabitants, Germany one to every 50, Italy one to every 126, Russia one to every 134, and Great Britain one to every 100.

DUEL TO THE DEATH.

Gorilla and Man Have Feroocious Struggle for Twenty Minutes in Marseilles "Zoo."

According to a French correspondent of the New York World, a strange duel was fought lately in the Marseilles "Zoo" between the only adult gorilla in Europe and his keeper.

The Gorilla was killed after a fight lasting 20 minutes, in which the keeper was so horribly mangled that he died five hours later.

The famous gorilla was named Francisco. He was one of the largest species, and always had been perfectly tractable, showing especial affection for his keeper, a man named Jour-



THE DUEL CONTINUED.

noux, until the latter married a few weeks ago.

The bride visited the Zoo often, and the gorilla was very sensitive about the attention she showed him.

When he perceived that she undoubtedly preferred his keeper Francisco became more and more jealous, and finally Journoux found it impossible to approach the gorilla, especially if Mme. Journoux was in sight.

Two days ago Francisco was so surly and quiet that the keeper thought he was sick and entered the cage to comfort his former pet.

The gorilla immediately sprang upon his hated rival. Journoux held a short tamer's fork, which alone accounts for the fight lasting so long.

It being dinner time, all the other keepers had withdrawn to a distant shanty. Only three children witnessed the terrible fight, and they were so terrified they failed to fetch help until Journoux had succeeded in escaping from the cage.

The gorilla followed before the door could be shut, and the duel continued outside from one end of the building to the other, as is shown by the blood stains.

Finally the children ran away yelling.

By the time help arrived the gorilla had been killed.

The keeper was found with one eye torn out, rapidly losing blood from many wounds and laboriously trying to crawl away on all fours. One hand had been completely chewed off and the lower lip and part of the chin had also been bitten.

BRUIN ATTENDS BALL.

For a Short Time the Big Bear Had His Own Way, But in the End He Was Vanquished.

South Heberton, 12 miles from Hazleton, Pa., has just gone through an exciting experience with a tame bear, until recently the property of Hugh



BRUIN ENTERED THE HALL.

Mallow, who bought the animal from a circus.

The bear behaved well while in Mallow's care, but the latter had no particular use for Bruin, so he was disposed of to William Gallagher, a councilman, who owns a saloon.

Gallagher last week had a shooting match for the bear which was won by Henry Krause, a tavernkeeper at South Heberton. Krause chained the bear in his barn, where he had intended to keep it during summer.

He conducted a dance at his place Saturday night, but the music disturbed the bear, and breaking his chain, Bruin entered the dance hall on his hind legs.

Constable Ludwig and Lorah Schwab, two of the dancers, attempted to get hold of the part of the chain the bear dragged, but were knocked down and rendered unconscious. The animal then attacked Krause, who, with a Winchester, killed the intruder.

Many of the dancers had taken refuge in trees near the hotel, and they did not get down until assured that all danger was over.

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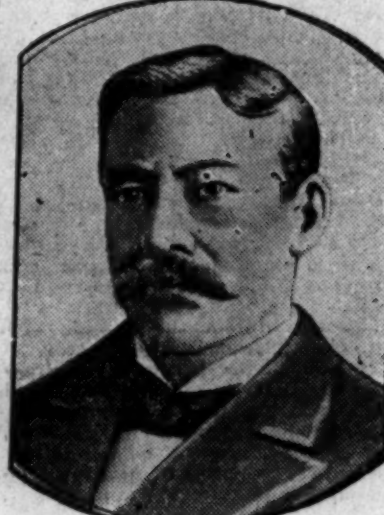
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WILLIAM H. MOODY.

Massachusetts Congressman, Who Will Succeed Secretary Long, Is a Man of Affairs.

Mr. Moody's selection for the post of secretary of the navy was the outcome of an interesting contest. There were no less than half a dozen applicants, but the struggle finally narrowed down to the two representatives of congress—Mr. Foss, of Illinois, chairman of the naval committee of the house, who had the energetic support of his western colleagues, and Mr. Moody, for whom Senator Lodge and others made a winning fight. It was for a time in doubt whether Mr. Moody would not



HON. WILLIAM H. MOODY. (Massachusetts Statesman Who Will Be Secretary of the Navy.)

be placed in some important foreign mission, rather than in the navy department, but he preferred to stay at home.

The biographical notice of the new secretary, contained in the Congressional Record, is very meager, showing his political career in its barest outlines. But it appears that he is a man of affairs, and it is particularly gratifying for people interested in the navy to know that he brings to his new post a mind of experience in governmental affairs, acquired through his work for several years on the appropriations committee of the house. Mr. Moody is a comparatively young man, being in his forty-ninth year. He is a lawyer by profession, being a graduate of Phillips' academy, Andover, Mass., and Harvard university. He has been district attorney for the eastern district of Massachusetts and has served in the Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh congresses, being elected as a republican. He was born in Newbury, Conn., but now resides at Haverhill, Mass.

Mr. Moody is on the District of Columbia committee of the house appropriations committee, and is in that capacity well known and liked in Washington. A statement has been published in effect that Representative Moody, nominated to be secretary of the navy, is a relative of Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts. The fact is that Representative Moody is not in the remotest way connected with Senator Lodge by either marriage or blood. The two have been friends for very many years, both being graduates of Harvard university, where they were well acquainted as students.

BIG AIRSHIP PRIZE.

London Publisher Offers \$20,000 to Inventor Who Will Fly One Hundred Miles.

The offer of C. A. Pearson, the London millionaire publisher, of a prize of \$20,000 to any airship inventor who will fly from London to Birmingham, a distance of 100 miles, is likely to bring about a competition between Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian inventor, and English aeronauts.



CYRIL A. PEARSON. (London Publisher, Who is a Patron of Aerial Navigation.)

that will be in the nature of a race between airships. English inventors, notably Maxim and Langham, are said to have expressed their willingness to enter a competition if the prize offered be sufficient to cover the expenses of preparation. Mr. Pearson's offer is open to all the world, and its international scope is likely to make it of great importance.

Marriage by Photograph.

A photographic marriage was lately performed in Oswego, N. Y. The bride was living in a house quarantined because of smallpox, and in the presence of witnesses she spoke into the photograph these words: "I, Nellie Stone, do take this man, James F. Duncan, to be my lawfully wedded husband," etc. The register was then fumigated, and taken to the groom's residence, where the latter and a clergyman performed their part of the ceremony.

THE PEOPLE'S LAND.

Col. Mosby Is Trying to Save It for Bona-Fide Settlers.

Famous Confederate Cavalryman Becomes a Spectacular Figure in Western Cattle War—Work Calls for High Courage.

Col. John S. Mosby, the famous confederate cavalry leader, who is now special agent of the government in charge of United States lands, has become a prominent and spectacular figure in the bitter fight for the range that is being waged by conflicting interests in the cattle and sheep country of the west.

Col. Mosby's special duty is to clear the government land of private fences—work that requires courage of high order, for the annual sacrifice of lives in the west's great range fight is estimated at 500 victims, and death by assassination is the common lot of those who dare oppose one faction or another.

Col. Mosby, whose headquarters are at Sterling, Col., the center of a great cattle country, declares that some of the cattle kings have fenced in and appropriated to their own use tracts of land larger than many German principalities. In defiance of the law, they have seized upon government land, fenced it in, forbidden settlers to touch it, and have made themselves wealthy from this illegal use of Uncle Sam's property.

Near Sterling one big cattle company built a fence which inclosed nearly 25,000 acres. It did not completely inclose the land, but extended from the Union Pacific to the Burlington railroad fences, thus forming a vast triangle. In this space thousands of head of cattle were kept, only a few cowboys being required to look after the immense herd.

When Col. Mosby ordered the company to take down the fence, the objection was raised that there had been no violation of the law because only one side of the triangle had been inclosed.

Despite the fact that the illegal fencing law had been practically a



COL. JOHN S. MOSBY. (Famous Confederate Leader Who Is Prominent in Range War.)

dead letter for two years, Col. Mosby is insistent in enforcing it, and he has stirred up the cattle owners from the Rio Grande to the Canadian line. The authorities at Washington are standing by him in his work, however, in view of the steady encroachments of cattle interests on public land in the last few years.

It is estimated that in the Alliance, Neb., districts alone there are 6,146,000 acres of government land fenced in. This land is worth nearly \$10,000,000, and on it the cattlemen have nearly 400,000 head of cattle.

Few persons appreciate the strenuous fight that is being made for the possession of the range in the western country. The recent arrest of Tom Horn, noted scout and Indian fighter, served to bring the subject sharply before the public mind, however.

Horn, who fought Indians under Crook and Miles, and who had charge of the pack trains of the American forces in Cuba, is now in jail at Cheyenne, charged with the murder of Willie Nickell, son of a settler who had incurred the enmity of some big Wyoming cattle interests.

Incidentally, Horn is alleged to have made a confession in the hearing of a deputy marshal and a stenographer, in which he is said to have boasted that he had killed other settlers and that a certain cattle company paid him so much a head for every foe who was removed from the range.

Horn's trial will be bitterly contested, and it has aroused intense interest in the west, for on the outcome is thought to depend the fate of the range in Wyoming and other big cattle states.

It is the war over the government land, however, that is arousing the entire west to protest on account of its annual sacrifice of human life. Recent developments, which have tended to show that assassination is becoming a trade in the cattle country, have stirred the authorities, and have shown that the range fight is growing too red to be much longer flaunted before the eyes of the people.

Col. Mosby's determined stand against the fencing in of public lands will do much to simplify matters, if the example of the famous confederate leader is followed by other United States officials. The next step will be to bring peace between the three conflicting interests of the range country—the cattle owners, the sheep men and the small ranchers.

Until some sort of a truce is brought about, the yearly record of violent deaths on the range will more than equal the mortality of the American army in the Philippines.

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John Diehl, of Guttenberg, N. J.,
 has a wooden leg, but the artificial
 foot receives just as good treatment
 as its mate. As a matter of fact,
 states the New York Tribune, Diehl
 rather prefers the wooden leg to
 the other, for, as he says: "I picked
 out the wooden one myself and it's
 a peach."

Such an excellent member of so-
 ciety is Diehl's wooden leg that its
 owner is able to walk with scarcely
 a perceptible limp. Consequently,
 when he walked into a shoestore at



"GREAT G-G-G-GOODNESS!"

Union Hill, N. J., and asked for a
 pair of shoes, the clerk noticed nothing
 unusual about his appearance. It
 will be apparent from what fol-
 lows that Diehl is possessed of a
 remarkably fine sense of humor. Said
 he to the obliging clerk:

"Gimme a pair o' button shoes."
 While the clerk was getting down
 the goods Diehl unfastened his
 wooden leg and prepared himself for
 the merry jest that was to follow.
 The clerk had some difficulty in get-
 ting the worn-out shoe off the hick-
 ory limb and Diehl observed it, re-
 marking:

"Aw, bend yer back, why don't
 yer?"

"Kinder sticks, don't it?" said the
 clerk, pleasantly. With this he bent
 his back so successfully that he car-
 ried away shoe, foot, leg and all
 and landed on his back into the bar-
 gain.

When the boot seller sat up and
 saw what he had done he was over-
 whelmed with horror.

"Great g-g-g-goodness!" he gasped.
 "I didn't m-m-mean to do it."

The genial Mr. Diehl was purple in
 the face, while a negro porter who
 had stood by started on the run for
 an ambulance. As soon as Diehl
 could spare time from the holding of
 his sides he remarked to the crest-
 fallen clerk:

"That's all right, young feller, but
 y' want to be careful how you start
 to pull off my leg."

Diehl got his shoes at a rate that
 he himself admitted was "real rea-
 sonable."

GIRL KILLS A WOLF.

Armed with a Hatchet, She Ap-
 proached the Snarling Beast
 and Despatched It.

Miss Ethel Hoover, a young lady liv-
 ing at Leola, S. D., had an exciting ad-
 venture with a large gray wolf and
 proved herself a heroine.

Gray wolves are numerous on the
 great cattle ranges west of the Mis-
 souri river, and they are noted for
 their ferocity. The gray wolf in
 question evidently had strayed from



SHE RAISED THE HATCHET.

its accustomed haunts by crossing the
 Missouri river on the ice.

It appeared the other morning in
 the doorway of the house where Miss
 Hoover resides and fiercely attacked
 a large shepherd dog. The animals
 engaged in a life and death struggle
 and their snarling and snapping were
 enough to affect the nerves of even a
 man. Finally the dog succeeded in
 getting somewhat the better of its an-
 tagonist.

At this juncture Miss Hoover, in-
 stead of fleeing to the attic or cellar
 for safety, appeared on the scene. She
 was armed with a hatchet and, ap-
 proaching close to where the dog and
 wolf were battling for life, she raised
 the hatchet and dealt the wolf such
 a blow that it was killed instantly.

The Only Colored Mayor.

The only colored mayor in the United
 States is Isaiah T. Montgomery, of
 Mound Bayou, Miss. He is the wealth-
 est man in the city, and was born a
 slave on the plantation of Jefferson
 Davis.

HIS SINS FORGIVEN.

Boss Shepherd's Return to Wash-
 ington Pleases the People.

He Ran the Capital Three Years and
 Made a City of It—Congress
 Ousted Him in 1874 and He
 Went to Mexico.

"Boss" Shepherd is coming back to
 Washington. He has made a great
 fortune in the silver mines of Mex-
 ico, and returns to his native city
 to spend his remaining days in peace.
 He is 67 years of age, and enjoys the
 distinction of being the best loved
 and best hated man that the capital
 city ever knew.

Alexander H. Shepherd's name will
 live in history as the originator of
 the new Washington. After all is
 said and done, the work of the ex-
 perts who have planned the future
 Washington as a city of delight had
 the basis of "Boss" Shepherd's work
 to go upon. That is how he derived
 his sobriquet of "boss." For three
 years he was the absolute ruler of
 Washington, and in that time spent
 \$40,000,000 in making it what it is to-
 day.

Alexander H. Shepherd, says the
 Philadelphia Press, is a native of
 Washington. He was born in the
 "flats" January 13, 1835. His parents
 were in ordinary circumstances. His
 ancestors for 150 years had lived in
 this country; some of them fought
 in the revolutionary war. Shepherd
 himself was for a time a soldier in
 the late war. His father became
 well-to-do before his death, which
 enabled the boy to obtain a pretty
 fair education. He entered Colum-
 bian university. But the executor of
 the estate, it is said, stole the money
 and young Alexander started to learn
 a trade to help support the family.
 Then he became a shoe salesman, and
 later learned to be a plumber and
 gas fitter. Within eight years of en-
 tering his apprenticeship he was a
 partner. Within the next 12 years
 he had built more than 400 houses
 in Washington.

His prominence in business led him
 into politics. He was a member of



ALEXANDER H. SHEPHERD.
 (Has Just Returned to Washington After
 Long Exile.)

the board of common council of
 Washington before he was 25. Two
 years after, in 1862 he became presi-
 dent of the body. He was a member
 of the levy court in 1867, and presi-
 dent of the Citizens' Reform associa-
 tion in 1870. Then congress turned
 Washington into a territorial govern-
 ment. He was appointed governor of the
 district, and president of the board
 of public works. He had always
 borne the reputation of being a pro-
 gressive, liberal, yet determined man.

Washington at this time was a
 drowsy, half-northern, half-southern
 city. It had been laid out on liberal
 lines but had never conformed to
 them. It had no adequate building
 laws. Its streets were mud holes
 in winter and dust distributors in
 summer. Shepherd determined to
 alter this. He had the power and he
 proceeded to use it. One morning
 the people of the old town awak-
 ened to find hundreds of men at work
 on the streets. It was the advance
 guard of "Boss" Shepherd's legions.

Within the next three years, from
 June 1, 1871, to July 24, 1874, "Boss"
 Shepherd ruled Washington with a
 rod of iron. Men who began by
 praising him ended by cursing him.
 As improvements grew taxes in-
 creased. Many men were financially
 ruined by the burdens imposed upon
 them. Newspapers in other cities
 were the only avenues for the male-
 dictions of the citizens; the local
 papers were bound hand and foot by
 the influence of the "boss" or si-
 lenced by a knowledge that he was
 doing the right thing in improving
 Washington, although it was unpopu-
 lar at the time.

Nothing halted his determination.
 The city became a hive of municipal
 industry. All streets of any impor-
 tance underwent transformation.
 They were graded, sewered and
 paved, and it is now admitted that
 the work was well and admirably
 done. Some idea of the improve-
 ments that Shepherd made in Wash-
 ington may be gleaned from these
 interesting figures. He planted
 more than 10,000 trees, and paved 118
 miles of streets, besides laying 207
 miles of sidewalks. His army of
 men dug and carted away 3,340,000
 cubic yards of earth. He had con-
 structed 317,196 feet of pipe sewers
 of 12 to 15 inches in diameter; four
 miles of sewers from 10 to 30 feet in
 diameter and over five miles of
 sewers from 3 to 7 feet in diameter. He
 laid 30 miles of water pipe and nearly
 60 miles of gas pipe. In addition
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A Noble, Noble Bequest.

The magnificent bequest of Cecil Rhodes, to Americans for Oxford scholarships, is a splendid expression of disinterested magnanimity and philanthropy. By the terms of the bequest, there are established two scholarships in any college in the University of Oxford, England, tenable for three years, for each state and territory in the United States. There are several phases of exceptional philanthropy expressed by this surprising and inspiring bequest.

In the first place, unlike most bequests in the interest of popular education, provision is made for the education of Aliens. This in itself expresses a generosity seldom if ever heard of before.

In the second place, it recommends a closer contact among the nations and races, whereby a better and more accurate understanding may be had as to the relative merits of the various political and civil institutions and civilizations.

In the next place it furnishes an ideal basis upon which the award of scholarships is to be made, qualities and acquisitions which are calculated to promote a liberalism of temperament and education well calculated to advance mankind generally. In this respect the bequest speaks for itself as follows:

"My desire being that scholars who shall be elected to scholarships shall not be merely bookworms, I direct that in the election of a student to a scholarship, regard shall be had to:

"1. His literary and scholastic attainments.
"2. His fondness for success in many outdoor sports, such as cricket, football and the like.

"3. His qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy or protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship.

"4. His exhibition during school days of moral force of character, and of instincts to lead, and to take interest in his schoolmates, for these latter attributes will be likely in after life to guide him to esteem the performance of public duties as his highest aim."

It is not possible to conceive of a higher standard of excellence as the condition precedent to the admission of a candidate to a great college. With the above prerequisites, the student is prepared to investigate truths as he finds them and will have the sincerity, honor, and honesty to admit application without regard to prejudices and errors which are based upon unfounded belief. Perhaps the most exceptionally happy and generous feature is that part of the bequest as follows:

"No student shall be qualified or disqualified for election to scholarship on account of his race or religious opinions."

Here is a provision which emphasizes the grandeur of the character of Cecil Rhodes, which, in the comparison with others who have given liberally to the cause of education, places him far above and beyond all others.

Much money has been donated and bequeathed by many for educational purposes; some have contributed for the special benefit of the colored people; but we know of no bequest which opens scholarships to a competition in which race, color and religion are all subordinated to the more generous offer upon equal terms to all mankind. The elimination of race constitutes an expression of abiding hope in the ultimate equality of the races, an acknowledgement of the brotherhood of man and a prophetic indication that sooner or later all races will become one people bound by the indissoluble ties of brotherhood, community of in-

terest and good-will. We not infrequently hear of the selfishness of the English people, of their tenacious grasp upon old forms and foolish customs and dogmas; but here is the manifestation of an amplitude of generosity which casts in the shade all of the so-called munificence of which the American boasts concerning their philanthropists, whose meager contributions for colored people wanes into insignificance in comparison with the bequest of Cecil Rhodes. With all its boasted civilization, its grandeur, its Christianity, its so-called power of "helpfulness toward the weaker races," the white American has an important lesson yet to learn. He has yet to admit that, while disparaging the capacity of the colored people and presuming upon self superiority, he becomes contemptuously fallacious and ridiculous in withholding from them the opportunity to prove their equality of mental and moral calibre and their adaptability to the demands of the most approved civilization. Hence lies the difference between Cecil Rhodes' bequest and that of the average American philanthropist. Rhodes opens the door of competition to all and, while perhaps believing in the ultimate victory for the Anglo-Saxon race, bids all to contest for the prize, while the American either from fear or meanness closes the door upon the blacks, renders little or no actual assistance and then proudly prates about superiority and the like.

Here is at least one opportunity opened to the colored student. He is cordially invited to compete for a scholarship at Oxford. Stricter morality, proper attention to mental and physical development, the development of the qualities and aspirations of true leadership, hard and laborious effort are required to reach the goal. The highest prizes have been taken by our race at the first colleges of the land. Let the colored youth be doubly inspired by this generous offer of Cecil Rhodes and let the result show a number of scholarships captured. By this means we will make a magnificent showing and thereby perhaps induce other wealthy philanthropists to make similar bequests and force the narrow prejudiced American Negrophobists to confess that we are equal in all that pertains to moral or mental worth and equipment.

Hon. Albert J. Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins is a Representative from the State of Illinois. He claims to control the Republican vote of his State and more especially the Negro vote. He professes to have great friendship for the colored population of the State and yet he has increased representation in the States of North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana and South Carolina where the Negro voter has been disfranchised, while under the Crumpacker bill these States lost one each.

Mr. Hopkins' bill gives 387 votes in the House. Republicans under the Crumpacker bill would have an even chance in the National contest of 1902-1904. Mr. Hopkins' bill gives the Democrats the advantage and the Republicans may lose the Presidential election in 1904. No one is better acquainted with the bloody riot that occurred in North Carolina a few years ago, when the State was snatched from the Republicans by Democrats and colored republicans driven from the State and told not to return than Mr. Crumpacker.

Mr. Crumpacker is and has been a friend to all classes of law abiding citizens, irrespective of color, previous condition of servitude.

The Bee gives some of the reasons why he opposes the Hopkins' bill and every colored voter in the State of Illinois should think well before he decides to support Mr. Hopkins for the Senate.

VIEWS OF MR. CRUMPACKER.

Mr. Crumpacker, of the Committee on Census, dissents from report of that committee on H. R. 12,400 on the following grounds:

President McKinley in his message to Congress on the opening day of this session said: "I recommend that Congress at its present session apportion representation among the several

States as provided by the Constitution. The plan "provided by the Constitution" for the apportionment of representatives is contained in the second section of the fourteenth amendment, which is as follows:

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a State, or members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

The bill reported by the committee is based upon population, and, according to the theory upon which it proceeds, it contains an equitable and correct division of power between the States, but it wholly fails to take into account the disfranchisement of citizens in any State, and it is not, therefore, in harmony with the plan, "provided for by the Constitution."

The constitutional scheme is based upon population exclusively. But when the right to vote at any election is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State being twenty-one years of age and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

For instance, if a State with a population of 1,500,000 should disfranchise 40 per cent of its male citizens over 21 years of age, for any reason except for participation in rebellion or other crime, in apportioning Representatives the population of that State would be reduced 40 per cent, and it would be given representation on a basis of 900,000. It is as much a part of the constitutional scheme to reduce the basis of apportionment in States that have disfranchised male citizens 21 years of age as it is to base representation upon population at all. The language of the Constitution is clear, direct, and mandatory, and it leaves no discretion in Congress whatever. The form of expression is imperative and not permissive—"the basis of representation shall be reduced."

What claim has Mr. Hopkins on the colored vote of his State. Millions of Negroes in the South will be put to a disadvantage under the Hopkins' bill and yet he claims to be their friend. The wish of The Bee is that the colored voter of the State of Illinois will not be deceived in the selection of a man to succeed the Hon. W. E. Mason. Every act Senator Mason has been in defense of the Negro. The defeat of Senator Mason will operate to the detriment of millions of Negroes in this country.

The defeat of Mr. Hopkins for the Senate means the elevation of the oppressed Negroes in the United States.

Another Trick.

Now comes the news from Oklahoma that another "race war" is imminent. There was some misunderstanding between the whites and blacks and because the blacks manifested a spirit of resentment and prepared for manly self defense the ever watchful enemies of the race, are seeking to make capital of the incident by heralding all over the country that there is a "race war." The fact is that there was not only no race war, but there was not at any time any serious indications which justified alarm—not to say that it was imminent. The demonstration was that of mob violence and tyranny on the part of a few whites and an exhibition of manliness on the part of the blacks. This sort of newspaper reports is in harmony with the movement now rife among democrats and dough faced republicans, to justify the disfranchisement of the colored voter not only at the South but also in the North.

This talk about "race war" is indulged in to show that the colored people North and South are undesirable citizens and unworthy of suffrage. But the little game is played too often. Fairminded men on the ground are not to be hoodwinked by such ghost stories and are sparing no pains to expose the democratic scheme. Advice from reliable sources utterly deny that at any time "race war" was ever contemplated, but that certain southern disturber set the mob in motion as well as the reports about war. This another of the old tricks which southern propagandists are playing to influence sentiment in their favor and against the colored

people. But such subterfuges have been tried before. It was tried in Kansas years ago but it only brought double vengeance upon the tricksters. The whole thing is a contemptible farce, as flimsy and unjustifiable as the reasons and motives which underlie it. The relations between the whites and blacks at the North are most favorable and cannot be seriously affected by the lying misrepresentation of prejudiced newspapers. Such rubbish as we often see published in democratic newspapers can have no effect other than that of expressing more clearly to view the schemes and fables which are being invented and prosecuted by southern politicians for the purpose of holding political power to which that section is not entitled. "The mills of the gods" are surely doing a rushing business and ere many years, the hollow mockery of Southern self righteousness will be fully exposed and scattered to the winds.

They Are

From the Arkansas Appreciator.

Editor Chase of The Bee, Washington, D. C., recently expressed as a positive conclusion that negro leaders and politicians are complete failures. He, however, suggested nothing new for an amendment, but gives in short his views as to the treatment the negro is receiving, both North and South, at the hands of white Republicans. Just whether or not Editor Chase has just awakened from a restless night's slumber, we are unable to say, however, judging from the tenor of his leading editorial last week, and since, both are failures. He will, doubtless, get out of politics and the race. His future policy is unknown. The world, politics and the negro race seem to look a like to him.

The negro politicians and the so-called negro leaders look alike to us. No, we shall not get out of politics, but will suggest a remedy for the ills that the negro is now suffering. Let the negroes support each other.

Dr. Clifton Johnson.

From the Wisconsin.

Dr. Clifton Johnson is a gentleman of whom the race is proud, one who has forged to the front through sheer ability, dogged perseverance and conscientious work. His dental parlors at 56 Loan & Trust Building are second to none in the city, and his suave and tender manner leaves nothing to be desired by his patients and clients. We hear with extreme pleasure that Dr. Johnson has within the last few days received notice that he has been left a handsome fortune to the tune of from \$15,000 to \$20,000. May he live long and prosper. The Doctor at present keeps bachelor's hall. Many a bird would like to get into his gilded cage, but liberty is oh so sweet! aid he says "not for Johnson" in the meantime.

The above extract from The Wisconsin is complimentary to one of our Washington boys. He is our Clifford and The Bee is glad to say that he is from one of the leading families in this city. May he continue to succeed, is the wish of The Bee.

An Objection.

"Don't you appreciate the opportunity of voting?"
"I shoddy does," answered Mr. Erasmus Pinkley. "De only trouble is dat de job ain't stiddy enough."—Washington Star.

A Financial View.

Eustacia—I knew that man was a physician by the way in which he shook hands; his tender, delicate, considerate touch.

Edgar—Yes, of course; that's his five-dollar touch.—Detroit Free Press.

An Earnest Query.

"Now, then," said the professor, looking at his watch, "if any young gentleman would like to ask any question before class—"
"What time is it?" inquired Mr. Fresh.—Philadelphia Press.

The New Fad.

Stubbs—Since my wife has taken up bowling she is always after me for money to play the game.
Penn—More pin money, eh?—Chicago Daily News.

Mean Conclusion.

She—He refers to his wife as sweet sixteen.
He—Gracious! Has he had as many as that?—Yonkers Statesman.

RECENT RUMOR DENIED.

President Will Not Appoint Special Commission to Treat with Philippine Friars.

The authoritative statement is made by the Washington Star that there is no foundation for a story from Sioux Falls, S. D., that Rt. Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, Catholic bishop of South Dakota, has received notification of his appointment by the president as a member of a commission to visit Rome and confer with the pope and other officials of the Roman church for the purchase of the lands in the Philippines owned by the friars. On the same authority

BISHOP THOMAS O'GORMAN.
(One of the Most Powerful Prelates of the American Church.)

the statement is made that the selection of such a commission has been proposed to the president and has been under consideration by him. He has not been able to take any action, however, owing to the fact that Judge Taft has been kept exceedingly busy and has had little time to talk over this matter with the president. When they do have time for a talk something definite may be determined upon by the president. The friars hold many thousand acres of the best lands in the Philippines, and this fact is recognized as a notable source of disturbance in the islands. It is generally conceded that such of the lands as are already the property of the monastic orders should be purchased after negotiations, but the necessity and the wisdom of sending a commission to Rome for this purpose are seriously questioned and vigorously disputed.

Secretary Root is also authority for the statement that no commission or any similar body has been appointed by the president or any of his representatives for the purpose of negotiating with the pope at Rome or with anybody else for the purchase of the friars' land in the Philippines. He says that congress has been asked to provide for the purchase of these lands, and that whatever action is taken will be based entirely upon legislative authority. If congress makes the desired provision the lands will be purchased from the owners by the representatives of the Philippine government. The policy of the administration in this matter is embodied in the bill introduced by Representative Cooper, one section of which provides for the issue of bonds by the Philippine government for the acquisition of the land of the friars in that country. That bill is now pending in congress and nothing will be done in the matter until that body has declared its purpose respecting these lands.

CIGAR LIGHTER TRICK.

The Picture Shows How It Can Be Played Without Arousing Suspicion of Victim.

"If you have a niggardly uncle and you want to play a trick on him," says a German humorist, "just wait until

CIGAR LIGHTER TRICK.
(Picture Shows Just How It Can Be Played Successfully.)

he asks you to give him a light for his pipe or cigar.

"Then get two strips of strong paper, of equal length, and twist each of them separately into a spiral form. Next you must twist the two together, taking care, however, that during the operation they do not lose any of their elasticity, and when this is done you must break off the two ends. When you hand it to your uncle he will think it an ordinary cigar light, but as soon as he lights his pipe, or cigar, he will find out the difference.

The picture shows clearly how this trick is played. If the strips of paper are twisted properly, one of them, as may be seen, will curl upward as soon as the upper end is lit, and the smoker's wrist is very likely to be scorched, if he does not quickly take it out of harm's way.

Require Lots of Help.
A first-class ocean steamer requires the services of about 120 firemen.

SOME STRANGE BETS.

Osculatory Wagers of More Than Commonplace Interest.

Young German Failed to Deliver a Thousand Smacks in Immediate Succession—Second Attempt More Successful.

Four years since, at Berlin, a young man undertook to bestow, for a wager, a thousand kisses upon ten girls—a hundred on each—in immediate succession. A jury was appointed and the operator set about his task, but, although by the terms of the contract he was allowed to wash his mouth out with antiseptic water after every hundredth kiss, he broke down at the six hundredth and forty-second osculation, his swollen lips refusing any longer to obey his will. At a subsequent attempt, however, when he was permitted to rinse his mouth at every fifth kiss, he proved successful.

Stung to emulation by the osculatory exploits of Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, a Liverpool gentleman backed himself to the tune of £100 to "buss" in a single day a hundred women to whom he was a perfect stranger. As he was a good-looking fellow, and judicious in the choice of the ladies on whom he operated, all went well until the eighty-third attempt, when the object of his selection, an Irish virago of masculine proportions, resented his advances with such determined vigor that, when he escaped from her clutches it was with two black eyes and a contused nose.

Some ten years back a young Frenchman, M. de S—, wagered \$4,000 that he would kiss every day for the space of a year a different woman in a different town, all the women to be strangers. Fortune favored him in more senses than one, for not only did he secure the stake, but won a wife as well, losing his heart to a fair maid of Rheims who had assisted him in the execution of his task.

Somewhat similar was the undertaking of a solicitor residing in one of



WON BET AND A WIFE.

the southern suburbs of London, who for a bet of \$250 engaged to kiss every day for a week the first woman whom he might encounter as he left his house on the way to the city. For five days all went well, for his sister, whom he had left to the secret, was at hand to meet him every morning as he opened the street door.

On the sixth day, however, the other party to the wager, resolving not to be outdone in sharpness, contrived to forestall the regular recipient of the lawyer's kisses by a formidable-looking lady accompanied by a huge formidable-looking dog—a huge bulldog—bound—which on the man of law attempted to approach its mistress, assumed such a minatory attitude that he slunk away discomfited and the poorer by \$250.

Two years since a Bradford girl was assiduously courted by two lovers, unable to decide. At length, at the suggestion of one of them, she agreed that on him that could kiss her the most times within ten minutes she would bestow her hand. Her other admirer being quite willing to abide by this test, a jury of lady friends was convened, and the contest, made all the keener by an added bet of \$25 between the rivals, commenced. A spirited struggle took place, which ultimately went in favor of him who had proposed the ordeal, a young artisan, who thus won the bet and a wife.

A Brighton gentleman, on being chaffed by his friends on his flirting propensities, swore in a fit of pique that he would not kiss a woman for a year, and offered to back his assertion without his host, for shortly afterwards losing his heart to a pretty widow, who was no believer in a cool wooer, he thought it better to sacrifice his money than his future happiness.

An election kissing wager took place a short while back at Dodge City, Kan., when Miss Lucy Withers, a pretty school mistress, on one of her admirers, named Harold Owens, offering to bet that his rival, Jerry Simpson, would not be elected to congress, agreed to wager a thousand kisses, valued at a dollar each, on Simpson's success. In the result Owens won, and received the stake in weekly installments of 20 kisses.

New Device for Telephones.
A new device for use with telephones has been patented in Sydney. It is a clockwork mechanism, with a dial that registers the time occupied in speaking. The hand of the dial works only when the receiver is taken from the hook.

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Native in Pursuit of an Ostrich Is Stalked by Lions—Escapes by Accidental Discharge of Gun and Unusual Garb.

For the first time in nearly 13 years William F. Fagin, of Chicago, has written to a member of his family. Fagin has been a wanderer on the face of the earth for the last ten years and has lived and worked in every continent except Europe and North America.

He came into his money the day he became 21, and immediately made tracks for parts unknown. Reports of him have always come accidentally from those who have happened to meet him. He has written but one letter since he left home, and that was received within a fortnight by his married sister, Mrs. J. B. Thomas, of Boulder, Col.

It begins without preface or explanation, as if he had been a regular correspondent, and is as follows: "Damaraland, Africa, Nov. 4, 1901."

Dear Ellen: It was in the expectation of finding ostrich feathers that I visited this great thirst-land. I have myself only succeeded in killing two of the birds, though my followers have done better—and of course have brought in their kills to me. I do not think any sportsman or traveler will differ from me when I state that there is no game so difficult to stalk as this gigantic member of the feathered tribe. Its speed is marvelous; when going at its best pace you can no more distinguish the movement of its legs than you can the spokes in the wheels of a rapidly-moving carriage. It is gifted, also, with extraordinary powers of endurance, and a four or five-mile burst seems only a "breather." I had some of the best greyhounds that could be procured at home. In pursuit of ostriches they were absolutely nowhere. My horses I prided myself on, but I should have deemed



STALKED BY TWO LIONS.

myself a fit subject for incarceration in a lunatic asylum should I have attempted to gallop one of these birds down.

"When in Damaraland I had in my employment a 'Bastard' named Swartz. He was a plucky fellow, an excellent hunter and up to the wiles and trickery of every description of game. A number of gemsbok had been seen about the wagons at break of day; so, after providing himself with a goodly piece of biltong and drinking a cup of coffee, he proceeded to the westward in the hope of adding some fresh meat to a reduced larder. About midday he returned, looking anything but the happy dandy who had so gayly departed a few hours before. Naturally I demanded an explanation—a reason for this sudden change; but a long time elapsed before I received an answer, and then his tongue was only loosened by my giving him a large 'tot' of 'Cape smoke'.

"In unusually good stalking ground he came across some gemsbok with a fine old cock ostrich in their society. Such a bird being worth £100, he resolved to do his level best to get within as short a range as possible of the prize. With the utmost care he wormed himself from one ant hill to another, till he all but considered that success was a certainty. Then he rested, to see that

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The powder was up in the nipple of his old muzzle-loader and to replace the old cap with a fresh one, but, while thus engaged, he chanced to look behind him, and to his horror discovered that while he had been stalking the ostrich he himself had been stalked by two lions, at the moment not 30 yards in his rear. In the excitement the gun went off, not aimed at anything, but probably the fusillade saved my henchman's life, for the lions, on hearing it, rose from their crouched position, stared at him for a few moments and then slowly retired. How he was followed so far without being attacked I can only account for by his being clothed and in such an unusual position that the lions mistook him for some unfortunate.

WRESTLED WITH BEAR.

Junior Ad Yocum's Lively Hand-to-Paw Encounter in the Pennsylvania Mountains.

The Pittsburg Post has added another to the many thrilling bear stories that have come from the Nittany valley. This time the hero of a battle with bruin is Ad Yocum, and his recent adventure will constitute a leading tale to be told about hunting party camp fires in the future.

One Thursday morning Yocum, with dog and gun, struck for the mountains and wandered from crest to crest until he was well into Sugar valley without finding any game. Ad had about given up hope of getting a shot that lay, or finding any game, when, quite suddenly, he came on a large bear snugly ensconced in its den. Yocum's weapon was only a double-barreled shotgun, but he concluded to try a shot, and, taking careful aim, he fired at bruin. The load took effect, but only to the extent of waking up the bear and putting it in a fighting mood. It had not seen Yocum until he fired, but when it spied him it went for him, and soon got into such close quarters with its would-be slayer that he was unable to discharge the other barrel of his gun.

Using his weapon for a club Yocum resorted to the only chance he had left, and a hand-to-paw encounter occurred. At the first blow Yocum dealt, the butt of his gun gave way, and the hunter found himself with only the barrel to use on the bear. The situation was now decidedly desperate. Every second the bear became more furious and Yocum weaker. Finally the hunter rallied, got into a good position, and, exerting every energy, brought the barrel of his gun down on the bear's skull with such force that he killed the brute, it rolling over dead. Soon after the battle a lumber team passed along, and it was secured to haul the carcass to the jubilant hunter's home. The bear was thin and weighed only a little over 100 pounds, but it had a fine pelt, and Yocum says that the fight it put up was even finer.

matrimony in Chicago.

"Do you think marriage in Chicago is a success?"

"No; it's a succession."—Town Topics.

The End.

"They say he played a fine game of golf until he was married."

"Well, you know no man can serve two masters!"—Puck.

A Definition.

"Pa, what is a diplomat?"

"A diplomat, my son, is a liar who does not get found out."—Chicago Journal.

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WOMAN FIGHTS LION.

Hair-Raising Performance of Miss Heliot Summarily Stopped by Berlin Police.

The police of Berlin have just put a stop to some hair-raising performances in the Frohe menagerie, whose tents are pitched in the northern section of the city near the Preuzlan gate.

The star attraction of this circus was Miss Heliot, the lion tamer. Every afternoon and night she engaged in what was announced on the programme as a sham battle with a huge lion. Of course the lion is supposed to be generous enough to show himself defeated by the fair



RESCUED JUST IN TIME.

gladiator. As a rule at each performance there is a vigorous struggle, the young woman even feigning to be on the point of being torn to pieces by the apparently infuriated beast. But in the end she is always victorious and the king of beasts falls on his back and yields the fight.

One night, however, the battle looked more earnest than usual. The thrilling situations were more frequent and the animal's roar and rage sounded uncommonly ominous. It was seen by the patrons that Miss Heliot did not display her usual self-composure. There was little of the sham battle in this engagement. In fact, one blow of the lion's paw struck Miss Heliot's face and to the horror of the spectators blood flowed profusely. Then there was almost a panic when the attendants came rushing to the cage with hot irons and Miss Heliot was dragged from the arena in an unconscious state. Nevertheless, on the following day the performance was repeated, this time successfully, but since then it has been forbidden by order of the authorities.

TROLLING FOR WILDCAT.

Pennsylvania Railway Man's Unique Method of Catching a Troublesome "Varmint."

A Susquehanna (Pa.) correspondent says that Conductor Hubbard, of the Delaware & Hudson road, has made a novel record as a troller. For a week or two the trainmen have noticed a big wildcat in the vicinity of Fairview, and several times the crew discharged revolvers at it from the caboose, but the alert cat just "winked the other eye" and skurried into the laurel bushes. Then a bright idea struck Conductor Hubbard.

He had a Carbondale blacksmith make a big iron hook. This he baited with a chicken and attached a piece of bell cord to it. When the train was going down the heavy grade, the other



KILLED THE BEAST.

night, Conductor Hubbard hung the line from the rear end of the caboose, keeping the chicken a few inches above the track.

When the train was rounding a sharp curve the wildcat suddenly sprang from behind a pile of railroad ties and seized the chicken. Hubbard gave a hard, quick pull, and in a moment the screaming, struggling cat was upon the platform. After a severe struggle the trainmen killed the beast with a hatchet and a crowbar. It weighed 50 pounds. Hubbard will collect the scalp bounty from the county and have the hide made into a coat to wear when hunting in the mountains next winter.



Mrs. A. Peck of Baltimore, Md., is the city, the guest of Miss Blanche

older of 312 C St. S. W.

Miss Anna Lee is visiting friends in

Mr. John Adams of Baltimore, was

the city this week on business.

Mrs. Emma Ellis of Alexandria, Va.,

very ill. Her many friends wish

her a speedy recovery.

Miss Bessie E. Willis spent last Sat-

urday and Sunday in Alexandria, Va.,

visiting her aunt who is very ill.

Mrs. Tucker and Rachel Guy and

Mr. H. E. Wilson are trying to do a

great work at Randal school.

Miss Edith Myers of 3d Street, S. W.,

quite sick. It is hoped for her a

speedy recovery.

Mr. N. Guy has returned from Bay

view and resumed his duties in the

District Schools as Drawing Teacher.

Mr. Walter Phillips is expecting to

go to Chicago soon.

Miss Addie Smith of 1346 Riggs St.,

N. W., has been very ill, but to the

debt of her many friends, she is now

able to be out again.

It has been said that the Hon. John

Dancy will make no changes soon.

Mr. James Allen who resides on 24

St. N. W., continues very much indis-

posed.

It has been rumored that when Miss

Adeline V. Hance, the beautiful little

schoolteacher of Pittsburgh, Pa., re-

turns to this city, she will remain.

She will be led to the altar by a young

North Carolinian.

Mr. Fenrick Bush, of this city, will

give the first of May for New York on

business.

Mr. D. H. Deas made a very fine

talk at the Second Baptist Lyceum last

Sunday.

Mr. William Hubbard and Mr. Fred

Hubbard, of Toronto, and Mr. Frank

Hubbard of Springfield have been the

guests of Mr. Lewis H. Douglass the

past week. A private party was giv-

ing in their honor during the week at

the residence of the Misses Ambler.

Mr. Richard W. Thompson made a fine

speech at the Second Baptist Lyceum

last Sunday. He received many

heartily congratulations. Those who

know Mr. Thompson know his ability

as a public speaker.

The Capital Saving Bank has not

closed and will not fail, as long as it

has honest men to back it.

Miss Blanche Hutton left this city

last Sunday on her way to Atlantic

City, N. J., where she will spend the

summer.

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is one of the best informed

critics in the city, having at-

tended her second recital, says that

she is the most remarkable player he

has ever heard. He has never seen

her equal for a young lady.

A Give-Away.

Mrs. Youngthing-Fleurette, that

where tread of yours smiled at me

the street last evening. Tell him

will tell my husband if he does so

again.

Fleurette (thoughtlessly)—Oh, mad-

am! he could have meant nussing! He

must have recognized madam's auto-

mobile coat and thought it was me.—

Washington Eagle.

The Way of the World.

When men do foolish things, we say:

"That is indeed, their natural way."

And if they're wise, we're not content-

ed to say: "Twas an accident."

—Washington Star.

VERY DIFFERENT.

Do you mean to say that I have no

right to open my wife's letters?"

"Of course you have the right."

"But you want to be the nerve."—Moon-

OOM PAUL IN EXILE

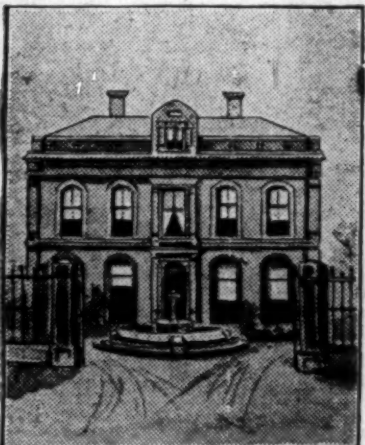
Final Scenes in the Long Career of President Kruger.

How the Pious Old Man Lives in the Little Town of Hilversum, Holland—His Spirit Not Crushed by Reverses.

The final scenes in the long and adventurous career of the ex-president of the South African republic, now on the point of absorption in the British dominion, are being enacted at a little town named Hilversum, in Holland. According to the latest advices, his end cannot be very far off, and one of the most remarkable men of the last century will disappear forever from the stage of human affairs. Mr. Kruger inhabits a small, two-story house, known as Casa Kara, similar in every way to the residence of the wealthy Dutch merchants, and of the usual type of country houses in Holland. There are grounds surrounding the building in which the president spends a good portion of each day.

Hilversum is a town of about 28,000 inhabitants, and is half an hour's ride by rail from Amsterdam. It is a favorite country residence of the Dutch, being very healthful and quiet. Oom Paul rises early, according to his lifelong custom, takes a cup of black coffee the first thing in the morning, and when dressed repairs to the garden, where he remains as a rule, till half past nine. During this time he goes through his mail, which has previously been classified for him by his private secretary. He always takes with him on these occasions his two inseparable companions, a large pipe and a large old-fashioned Bible with large metal clasps.

Although he knows the sacred books almost by heart, especially those of the Old Testament, and can always quote an appropriate passage from the Bible suitable for any given emergency, yet he, nevertheless, reads his Bible every day under the shade of a large tree in the pleasant grounds of the villa. At noon precisely, for Mr. Kruger is nothing if not methodical, he takes a cold



CASA KARA, HILVERSUM.
(Mr. Kruger's Modest Home in One of the Oldest Dutch Towns.)

luncheon with his party, which, as a rule, consists of his nephew, Mr. Eloff, who is also his private secretary, and Mr. Van Boschoten, ex-chief of the Transvaal ministry; Messrs. Back van Ven and Breudel, who are in attendance on the aged ex-president. His faithful servant, Happe, and a Belgian physician, Dr. Heymans, always accompany him. The latter has forbidden him the use of any wine or liquors, his only drink being mineral water. After luncheon Mr. Kruger takes a siesta, which lasts till four o'clock in the afternoon. He then goes for a drive in a carriage bearing the former arms and escutcheon of the Transvaal, and returns to the house by six o'clock. It pleases the old man greatly to observe the general respect which he meets with from all classes of the public, and even the children strike up the Boer national anthem, which every one knows in Holland, as he passes by. He takes supper at half past six, and retires invariably at eight p. m.

His undaunted spirit does not appear to be crushed by the reverses which have overtaken his beloved country, and from time to time he observes: "We are strong as ever we were; we can continue this fight right along, and will never admit defeat," brave, but ill-considered expressions from the lips of this most remarkable old man whose name will undoubtedly drift down to the remotest posterity.

The Anointing of Kings.

The question as to whether King Edward should be anointed at his coronation and if so what form the ceremony would take is bringing to light some interesting stories as to the way in which the rite was formerly performed. Edward VI., the last of the former Edwards, had a difficult time, more difficult than that of Richard Crookback, who was stripped of the waist. Edward VI. lay prostrate on the altar while Archbishop Cranmer rubbed his back much in the same way as wives rubbed embrocation on the backs of rheumatic husbands. In former days the holy oil with which the king was anointed was supposed to hedge him with divinity, so in those rough times it was natural that a king should hasten his coronation. Witches were forbidden to attend the ceremony.

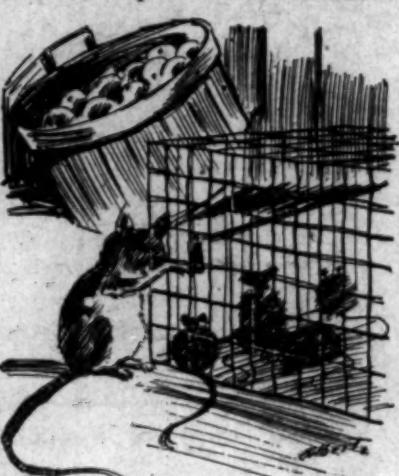
Prussian Religious Service. The Prussian prayer book enjoins that the whole of the service, including the sermon, shall not last above one hour.

THE WISE OLD RAT.

He Scolded the Young Rats Who Got Caught, and Then Coolly Opened the Trap.

A man from Baring, Me., came into Calais lately and unfolded a rat story that has by unanimous consent been placed first in the local book of fact and fiction. Daniel Pike, who told the story, declared that it was true to the last word, and offered to go before a justice of the peace and make oath to that effect.

Mr. Pike had been bothered by rats in his barn, and after inspecting all the ancient and modern devices for the capture of rats, selected one of the wire-cage variety. The first morning after the trap had been set he went to that effect.



OPENED THE TRAP DOOR.

the barn and found it nearly full of half-grown rats, but not an old rat in the collection.

On the following morning he went out again, and found the same result. Thinking that the presence of the captives would attract others, he decided not to empty the trap for an hour or two, and went away.

When he came back the trap was empty. Pike was astonished, and asked the hired man about it, but the man declared that no one had been in the barn except himself, and that he had not touched the trap.

The next day and the next a like strange filling and emptying of the trap occurred, and Pike determined to keep watch to see how the thing was done. When the next batch of young rats had been caught he concealed himself in the barn loft and waited.

When he had been on watch about half an hour he saw a hoary old rat approach the trap and apparently begin a sort of cross-examination of the prisoners. Then, after satisfying himself as to the exact condition of things, the cute old rat, to the amazement of Pike, deliberately poked his paw between the wires of the cage and tilted up the weight that kept in place the little trap door through which his young friends and relatives had fallen.

This opened the trap door sufficiently to let all the prisoners out, and away they scampered, the old rat bringing up the rear, and all squeaking joyously. Farmer Pike sat for a minute speechless with amazement. Then he said, simply but energetically: "Well, I'll be hanged!" and climbed down.

JUSTICE VERSUS LAW.

Pennsylvania Magistrate Orders Wives to Beat Their Husbands If They Abuse Them.

Alderman John F. Donohue, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., first won fame when he descended from his bench and soundly thrashed a man who had beaten his wife several times. He is ready to inflict similar punishment any time it is needed.

In his office, he says, justice reigns, even though the law always does



"YOU THRASH HIM HARD."

not. He believes that all the law in Blackstone fails to fit some of the cases which are brought before him. In passing upon the case of a young man arrested for wife beating (it was his first offense), he said: "You go home and buy your wife a stout club—a pick-handle will do nicely. I command your wife every time you come home drunk and abusive, to take the club and lay it on you hard and often. Every time you swear at her she is to do the same thing; every time you refuse to bring in coal to her she will thrash you. And you, madam," turning to the tearful wife, "I insist that you obey me in this. You thrash him hard each time he does not act as a good, sober and industrious husband should. If he strikes back, you just let me know and he will be sorry he was born."

As an evidence of the effectiveness of this justice the couple have lived happily together ever since, and the club has never been used, the fear of it and the squire keeping the husband well behaved.

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Sympathy Between Twins.

Twin brothers living in Anderson county, Kentucky, are said by the Harrodsburg Democrat to have married sisters, and to each have been born three children of the same sex, with the same birthdays. One felt a shock in his foot and said the other, who was ten miles away, had been hurt. In the evening the absent brother turned up with three mangled toes. The twins weigh the same to an ounce.

Treasures of the Aztecs.

Explorers in the neighborhood of Chama, Guatemala, have discovered treasures during their excavations in search of mines. Coins and jewels, decorating corpses buried centuries ago by the Aztecs and Montezumas, have been found. So far the valuables have amounted to over \$50,000. Workmen on the Chama plantations are wild, and have abandoned their usual work to hunt for buried treasures.

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HERE'S A LITTLE



Pointer for You

I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and request that you send me this column, and any questions that you wish answered please send them in before Saturday of each week.

By Miss MAY CLEMATIS.

L. C. Grent is the friendship or love that is given and not bought. The person who stands boldly in the face of the truth is the one worthy of praise.

Be true to those who are true to you.

M. B. Let dressing be an incident and not the object of your existence.

Always let the people admire you before you fall in love with yourself.

The man who continually postpones his wedding day, does not think as much of the girl as he claims.

Girls who have wisdom will certainly not allow a young man to console them of their time without explaining his motives.

It is better to have one true friend than it is to have a thousand false friends.

It is not the great things, but the little things one does in life that give the true indications of character.

The girl that should be honored is the girl that works, but very often it is the contrary.

By playing ignorant of what you know, very often you can learn more.

M. M. You are to young to receive company. A girl sixteen years old should devote her time studying books instead of beaux.

It is not necessary to tell your friends you are glad to see them; if you really are, they will soon find it out.

The girls who paint and powder are also. They are certainly false in looks.

Be what you are and nothing more. People are generally blind when their own faults are in view.

It is not always the sedate, pious looking girl who is the true lady. Very often girls entertain such looks as a mere sham.

Beauty is a charming letter of introduction, but it is worthless, unless there is something besides the mere appearance.

Talk can be made to order as fast as the tongue can run, hence girls should not believe all that a man says and think him too interesting to live without.

Too much attention is often an attempt to deceive.

Cris should keep good hours and never go without an escort.

H. H. When you find a new friend reflect before you decide to change and add one for a new.

Too much interest in your welfare from strangers means no good.

Never be too familiar with the males.

Think of a friend otherwise than when you are in need.

It is better to do well, than to say so.

Be sure you are right and then give advice.

An envious person is a jealous person and should be watched, notwithstanding their looks may be all smiles.

Act toward people as you would like them to act towards you, and should they not act pleasantly, then act accordingly.

It is dangerous to tell all you know.

Don't allow a man to smoke in your presence upon the public streets. I, is vulgar.

Respect yourself and others will respect you.

Altruism is the chief author of misanthropy. If you would be happy, seek employment.

If we should all follow the precept, "know thyself," we would not find time to attend to other people's affairs.

Watch your friends. Enemies will make themselves known.

Most people seldom have secrets.

Our girls cannot expect proper recognition except they train their minds to the duty that lies nearest them.

The person who is jealous of even his own prosperity entertains an arrogant himself.

The person who suspects every one, himself guilty of some offense. Misanthropy haunts the guilty mind.

People who are not used to well being are the most easy to become discontented.

Never think more of a man than he thinks of you, and if such is the case, don't let him know it.

Love and society often destroy the respect of girls.

Love will always, but don't be extravagant.

Courtships are long and married life is short.

You can command respect if you respect yourself.

Don't imagine yourself more important than you are.

Girls are most happy when they are loved well.

Don't join a dancing class where your inferiors are.

BILLED AS FREIGHT.

Young Man's Strange Trip from Kansas City to Chicago.

Arduous Journey Made as the Result of a Silly Wager—To the Railroad Company He Was a Sack of Potatoes.

Billed as a sack of potatoes, a young man arrived in Chicago the other day from Kansas City tied up in a sack. For three days and a half he had been confined in the sack and during that time he had traveled close to 700 miles in a freight car. The sack which covered him was inclosed in an open fruit case.

The traveler, who is Martin J. Klansdigger, a machinist of Kansas City, was nearly famished when he was cut from his prison at the Chicago & North-western freight house by a friend who had been waiting for a day and a half in Chicago for him to arrive.

Klansdigger began his journey with only a quart of water and two pounds of crackers in the sack with him, this being a condition of the wager which caused him to make the perilous trip. When released Klansdigger was nearly blinded by the dust which had crept into the sack and his throat and mouth were so parched that he could hardly speak, his little cask of water having been spilled after he had been on his journey only a day.

For nearly three days, therefore, he had been without water and he stated when he was able to talk that had it not rained he would certainly have died of thirst. During most of the storm the car in which he was packed was sidetracked out in some small country town and the water came through a crack in the roof and fell on the sack. The burlap became quite wet and he was thus enabled to suck from the cloth a few drops which allayed his thirst.

The trip was made as the result of a wager between himself and a buffet keeper of Kansas City. The amount of the wager was \$300. The conditions



"GIVE ME A DRINK, QUICK!"

were that he should arrive in Chicago in less than four days, that he should be allowed to carry only a quart of water and two pounds of crackers with him and that he should not be discovered by any of the workmen or trainmen that handled him.

He was not discovered and it was not until after his friend who came to Chicago to receive him, Charles Manning, had presented an order and received the "potatoes" that the workmen in the freight house knew what was in the package. Manning, with the aid of an expressman, carried the crate with his freight out on the sidewalk and when Manning's voice was heard by Klansdigger the man in the bag shouted faintly:

"For heaven's sake cut that sack quick and let me out. I'm dying of thirst."

Manning lost no time and tearing away the slight bars of the crate he slashed open the sack and released the woe-begone man within. A couple of workmen had followed Manning, the expressman and the burden to the door and when they heard the voice from within and saw the man emerge from the sack they did not remain to seek an explanation.

Klansdigger was glad enough to get out of the bag and Manning was thoroughly happy to greet him. "Give me a drink, quick," said Klansdigger, "and then take me to some place where I can get cleaned up."

"I would not have that experience again," he continued, "for ten times \$300. I am lucky to be alive. I thought I would never get here and this forenoon when I was taken from the car by the freight hustlers I felt like calling out to them. I felt as if I had been through a thrashing machine and there is no part of my body which is not sore or bruised."

"The first thing they did to me when I was received at the Kansas City end as a bag of potatoes was to stand me on my head. I had to remain in that position for about an hour before I succeeded in kicking myself down. When once in a horizontal position I was all right and fell asleep. The next morning I was awakened by somebody opening the car door and once more I was stood on my head. That is the time I lost my water, the cask which contained it tipping up. Since that time, which was Tuesday morning, until Friday I have been without a drink and I have not had anything to eat since Thursday night."

Newspapers in Sweden. There are 751 newspapers and periodicals in Sweden, including 52 dailies. Stockholm has 12 dailies, seven published in the morning and five in the evening, which is a large number for a city of 350,000 inhabitants.

SHE LOST THE PRIZE.

Sad Plight of the Girl Who Wore a Popcorn and Candy Gown to the Dress Ball.

She got an invitation to the prize masked ball of the Terror club and she determined, on the instant, to win the first prize if it were possible. She spent several hours in hard study. Finally she evolved a plan which seemed to promise victory.

She would wear a costume composed entirely of strings of popcorn and brightly-colored candies. It would be novel and effective. She went to work at once and several days before the date of the ball she had completed an outfit which she was sure would be



"LOOK OVER ME."

a winner. She showed it to several of her friends and they all agreed it was a splendid effort. On the great night she and her escort went over to the hall on the street car. There was a big crowd about the entrance, but they climbed the stairs and she left her wraps in the cloakroom on the second floor.

There was still another flight of stairs to be climbed, and when they got to the entrance to the ballroom they were stopped by a big crowd of small boys which was gathered close about the door in a dense mass.

She and her escort pressed into the crowd as far as they could go, but they were caught in the jam and detained for several minutes. Finally they got through into the room and she began to look for the applause which she was sure would greet her appearance. Instead people began to laugh, says the Chicago Tribune.

"I wish," she said to her escort, "you would look me all over and tell me what is the matter."

The man did as he was bidden.

"I am sorry," he said, "but somebody has eaten most of your costume. I suppose those small boys did it while we were waiting in the hall. At any rate, most of the popcorn and candy is gone from the back of your dress."

THEIR RELATIONSHIP.

When Madam Made Up Their Minds, John Simply Said "Yes" and Smiled a Silly Smile.

There are some queer couples in the world, remarked a Boston estate agent recently. The other day a man and woman called to see me about renting a house. The woman did all the talking and turned to the man for confirmation or corroboration. He always



"THAT'S SO, ISN'T IT, JOHN?"

agreed with her, and did it very meekly.

"Well," said the woman, "I'll give you \$25 for the house. Won't we, John?"

John—Yes.

"And I'll pay my rent promptly, too; won't we, John?"

"Yes."

"And I'll take good care of the house; won't we, John?"

"Yes."

"And I'll take it for three years; won't we, John?"

"Yes."

"But," I inquired, as is usual in such cases, "are you man and wife?"

"Man and wife," exclaimed the woman, sharply. "Indeed, we are not; are we, John?"

"No, my dear."

"What?" said I. "Not man and wife?"

"Not much," she retorted. "I'll have you know, too, that in this family we are wife and man; that's so, isn't it, John?"

And John meekly agreed.

POPULAR IN LONDON.

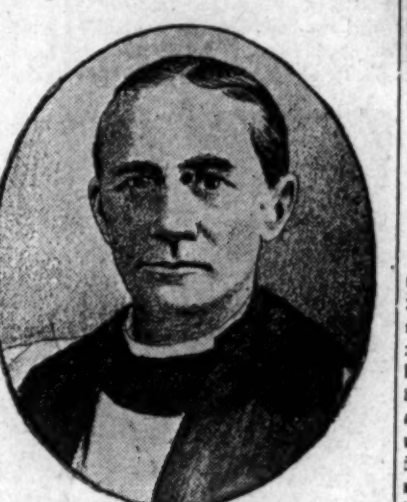
No Man Has More Friends Than Bishop Winnington Ingram.

Interesting Personality of the Young English Prelate Who Will Preach the Coronation Sermon for King Edward.

There are several eminent and dignified English prelates who have not yet recovered from the shock they sustained when the announcement was made recently that Very Rev. Winnington Ingram—better known as the "slum bishop"—had been selected by King Edward to preach at his coronation.

There was a rather similar feeling of astonishment in the same quarter when, the post of bishop of London having been made vacant by the death of Dr. Creighton a year ago, Ingram, who was looked upon as a mere youth, was named as his successor; for although the formal appointment was as usual made by Lord Salisbury, it was generally understood that the king had expressed a decided wish in the matter. At the time of his promotion to the bishopric of London, which is one of the most important in the Church of England, Dr. Ingram occupied the post of suffragan bishop of Stepney, the last of the several ecclesiastical positions which he has held in the "East end" and in discharging the duties of which he endeared himself as perhaps no other clergyman in London to the wretched folk who live there.

Stepney, like Bethnal Green, of which Dr. Ingram formerly was rector, and Spitalfields, of which he once was rural dean, is one of the poorest and wickedest divisions of Whitechapel, but Dr. Ingram was just as proud of his parishioners as if they had been the greatest aristocrats in Mayfair. He was not merely their bishop, he was their friend; and nothing used to delight him more than to be right among them as man to man. Work



BISHOP WINNINGTON INGRAM.
(London Prelate Who Will Preach the Coronation Sermon.)

among the men and boys was his greatest hobby and he formed several "social clubs" that became rather famous and, half the time, he was off on excursions to the country or the seashore with a grimy but exultant contingent of his "young barbarians" from Brick Lane of Houndsditch, giving them, perhaps, the first glimpse they ever had of the ocean or of green fields.

He often held open-air services in the slums, notably in the large open space in front of St. Luke's, Spitalfields, almost across the road from the entrance to Dorset street, where several of the "Ripper" murders took place, and which is known as "the wickedest street in London." Ever since he was raised to the dignity of the bishop of London, at the request of the poor people who are so fond of him and so loath to give him up, the divine, whose office entitles him to sit in the house of lords, made a visit to the East side, and, standing in his white surplice in the middle of a big crowd of shabby coster boys, factory girls and mothers with unwashed babies in their arms, preached there a sermon of which the lowest of them could understand every word. He used jestingly to tell his "poor people" how busy attending to his various parochial duties kept him, and delighted them by picturing himself hurrying to an appointment on top of a halfpenny "bus" or tramcar, or eating his lunch in a third-class carriage on the underground. In the course of a little talk which he gave at the opening of a "reformed public house" in the East end the other day, he said that the additional duties that had come to him with his new position were so numerous that he had to set up a carriage, so they would miss him from the "bus" tops, but he promised that if any one of them who saw him driving in his new equipage would hail him and explain that he was one of his old friends he would be glad to give him a lift. He added that many East end saloons had signs describing them as "good pull-up for cabs," and suggested that over the "reformed club" be placed one saying "a good pull-up for bishops."

It is no wonder that Dr. Ingram has been able to make even some of the toughest citizens of Spitalfields respect and esteem him, for he is the embodiment of "muscular Christianity." His favorite recreations are not chess and botany, but golf and bicycling and playing handball, or "fives," as it is called in England. The first sight that struck the eye on entering the bishop's former headquarters at "Amen court," near St. Paul's cathedral, was a bundle of muddy golf clubs and a tennis racket, and at historic Fulham palace, which is his episcopal residence as bishop of London, Dr. Ingram has set aside a large room in the cellar to play "fives" in.

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SPIRITUAL WEDDING.

Suzon Widow of Middle Age Becomes the Devoted Wife of a Ghostly Bridegroom.

Detroit, Mich., has been greatly stirred up in spiritualistic circles by the recent solemnization of a wedding ceremony which is one of the most remarkable and unique of modern times. It was the marriage of Mrs. Sarah Williams, a middle-aged and attractive widow, to the spirit of Theodore Comstock, a Michigan miller, who has been dead a number of years. The courtship and wedding has been conducted under the direction of a band of guardian spirits numbering ten, and the ceremony was performed at the same time



JUST AFTER THE CEREMONY.

In the spirit world, the duties of a clergyman being assumed by the spirit of a Mrs. Wilson, who officiated through the organism of a medium, she conducting the ceremony as a minister would, only in different words.

Mr. Comstock is now engaged in the work of materialization and trumpet bearing around the room and singing hymns by a concentration of spirit forces.

"Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung at the ceremony, while the medium was entranced. Mr. Comstock was an Englishman by birth, and a chemist, and his spirit bride says that this is why he is a fine subject for materialization, chemists being particularly susceptible to that work through good mediums. The band of spirits that guard the bride have taken Mr. Comstock in and will form a spirit lodge, controlling the movements of the newly wedded pair. In her picture Mrs. Comstock wears her bridal gown.

Figured Out.

"There is one peculiarly striking thing which I have observed during my 50 years of studying economics," said the gray-haired sage.

"And that is?"

"That the man who howls for a state of things whereby all men shall own the same amount of this world's goods is the man who has nothing, never did have anything, and wouldn't be able to keep it if he did have it."—San Francisco Bulletin.

The Modern Tantalus.

"What's de matter wif Mistuh 'Rastus Pinky?" inquired one of the belles of the parlor society.

"He has a heap o' trouble," answered the other. "Did you eber hyuh 'bout de 'gemman in de schoolbook dat was stahvin' wif victuals in sight?"

"Yassindeed."

"Well, dat's de position Mistuh 'Rastus is in. He's been 'pinted janitor to a poultry show."—Washington Star.

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Butterflies in the Arctic.

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The Effects of Lightning.

Out of every three persons struck by lightning two recover.

The Asbury M. E. Choir has accepted our invitation to visit Baltimore next Sunday in this month to sing at Sharp street Methodist Church, pastor Rev. I. L. Thomas.

The Young Men's Protective League will have a sermon preached to them next Sunday night at Asbury M. E. Church.

Don't forget the third piano recital by Miss Beatrice L. Chase, at the 15th street Presbyterian Church Friday evening April 18th.

All communications for the social column of the Bee and for the pointers to girls should be addressed to the society editor of the Bee.

The Garden State Journal of Newark N. J. has been received at this office.

Mr. R. W. Thompson read a paper before the People's Literary on last Wednesday, subject: "Common Sense." Miss Grace Storum no doubt one of the most refined readers and declaimers in this city, rendered two selections.

The People's Mercantile Association.

One among the many new enterprises started by the colored people is the Peoples Mercantile Association with a capital stock of \$20,000. It is evident from the enterprise that the colored people intend to earn money and enter into business enterprises instead of politics. This new enterprise has a constitution that explains its object and the Bee would suggest to the people to address any of the following gentlemen for information: C. H. Watson, President and General Manager; O. H. C. Jerome, vice-President; F. E. Manley, Secretary; E. R. Russell, Treasurer.

Prof. Gregory's Success.

Prof. James M. Gregory, principal of Bordentown Manual Training and Industrial School of Bordentown, N. J., has secured an appropriation of \$35,000 of which \$20,000 is in the General appropriation Bill and \$15,000 over in the Supplementary Bill. This is very gratifying to the many friends of this distinguished scholar and friend of the negro.

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PEOPLE YOU HEAR MENTIONED

Londoners are grumbling a good deal over the announcement that Westminster Abbey is to be closed for four months in order that preparations may be made for coronation.

"Steeple Jack" Roberts, of Jersey City, who for years has climbed high chimneys and steeples without accident, fell from a wagon and was so badly hurt that he may never be able to climb again.

George Humburg, an old gentleman residing in Long Stream, L. I., has fallen heir to a neat little fortune of \$10,000, and despite the ominous sound of his name he is now besieged by ladies who would like to marry him.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Hertz, formerly of Syracuse, N. Y., is the only American preacher in the Transvaal and Orange River colony. He delivered the address at the McKinley memorial services held in Masonic hall at Johannesburg, S. A., October last.

The present marquis of Salisbury years ago arose to speak in the house of commons as Lord Robert Cecil and sat down Viscount Cranbourne and heir to a marquessate. While he was speaking a messenger arrived announcing the death of his elder brother.

Prof. Willard Fiske, the learned and wealthy American, who lives in the famous Villa Landor, Florence, is about to write an authentic life of Paul Morphy, probably the greatest chess player who ever lived. Prof. Fiske is himself a chess expert and enjoys a close friendship with Morphy.

Mrs. Charles M. Schwab, wife of the president of the United States Steel corporation, has traveled extensively and has a large and valuable collection of miniatures, of which she is an enthusiastic collector. She assists her husband in his establishment of industrial schools and is personally educating many young friends.

There Are Falls and Falls.

An American traveler visited the Niagara skating rink, in London, not long ago. He watched the performance for some time, and then he turned to his companions and host. "Wal," he said, "I've seen our Niagara, and now I've seen yours. Our show is very fine and imposing, but I guess your falls are more amusing."

BABY IN A PUMPKIN.

Vegetables Raised in Santa Clara Valley Afford Shelter and Play Room for Children.

Nowhere else in the world do pumpkins and melons and squashes flourish and assume such proportions as in southern California. The last season has been an unusually good one for the product of the vine, and some remarkable specimens, probably never before equaled, have been grown. Great fields are literally covered with pumpkins, and in the young walnut orchards they litter the ground although hauled there in carloads.

Ventura county is responsible for an extraordinary specimen of the com-



GIRL IN THE PUMPKIN.
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mon California pumpkin which weighed a trifle less than 400 pounds and was converted into a calf barn. A window and door were cut in the ends of the giant, and the calf, which was six weeks old and large for its size, found plenty of room inside. The circumference of the pumpkin in the center was exactly ten feet.

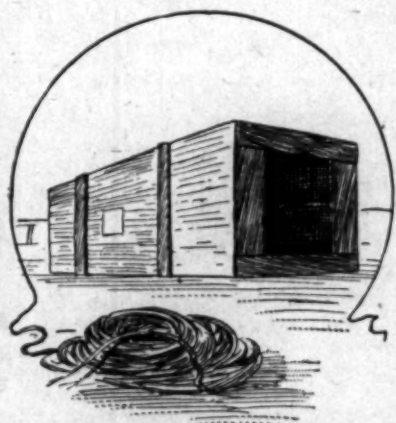
The other curiosity was raised in the same county and was on exhibition at Santa Paula until a few weeks ago, when the hot weather caused decay. This pumpkin, though it weighs only 230 pounds, is even more distinguished than its neighbor, because it is the head of what undoubtedly is the most extensive family of its kind that ever sprung up. On this vine, which grew in the middle of a large walnut orchard without fertilizing or special cultivation, were 12 other pumpkins, each weighing an average of 180 pounds. A little calculation shows that there was over a ton of pumpkins on one vine—2,390 pounds, to be exact. From this the possibilities of a field of a hundred acres, such as are common, may be judged for production.

The little girl—probably the only woman who ever lived in a pumpkin—is Miss Rolls, granddaughter, of Rev. G. F. Stewart, of Santa Paula, and she is four years old. She is seated on an ordinary child's chair, also inside of the pumpkin. This pumpkin measures seven feet eight inches around the "waist," and ten feet eight inches in circumference lengthwise. Standing on end, as here shown, it is three feet nine inches in height. It was raised by C. C. Teague, manager of the Blanchard ranch, in the South Santa Clara valley.

NERVY BOER OFFICER.

Commandant Smonenberg's Unique Attempt to Escape from Prison at St. Helena.

A Boer officer, a prisoner on parole at Deadwood camp, St. Helena, made an extraordinary attempt recently to escape from captivity on board one of



BOER'S MEANS OF ESCAPE.
(Box in Which Burgher Commandant Flew from St. Helena.)

the Union Castle liners. He had himself inclosed in an innocent-looking case addressed to a captain of the Fourth Gloucester regiment, and this was put on board the steamer.

That the ex-commandant allowed himself no elbow room is evident from the fact that the case measured four feet three inches by two feet four inches. It was of three-quarter-inch deal.

After three days at sea the man was discovered and was unpacked in a very thin and shaken condition, declaring that his experiences had been worse than a sojourn in the nether regions. He turned out to be Commandant Smonenberg, and on being brought before Col. Evans said that he had intended, if he had reached England, undiscovered, to get out of the case at night and make his escape to Holland.

Before his detection he had once left the box to stretch himself.

Did Smith Write Burns?

The latest literary quip is an argument that the poems of Robert Burns were really written by Adam Smith, author of "The Wealth of Nations." It is as plausible as most of the books on the Baconian origin of Shakespeare's plays.

WATCHING FOR JOHN

Rev. William Miller's Door Left Unlocked for 28 Years.

Faithful Parents Listening for the Footsteps of a Son Who Ran Away from Home When He Was a Boy.

According to the Binghamton (N. Y.) correspondent of the New York Sun the recent death of Rev. William Miller, of Clifford, ends a long and fruitless watch for a runaway boy.

Elder William Miller, as he was known, was one of the best-known Baptist preachers in northeastern Pennsylvania. He officiated at more weddings and funerals than any other clergyman in Susquehanna county. He was 81 when he died.

He was strongly opposed to games of all kinds. One day, 28 years ago, he discovered that his youngest son, John, had been playing croquet. The father gave the boy a severe scolding and finally positively forbade him ever again to play croquet.

John told a companion afterward that he would "show father a trick." That night, while the other members of the family were asleep, he ran away. The only things he took with him besides his clothes were the pictures of his mother and sister removed from the parlor album.

No trace of him could be found from the time he left the house. His parents were firm in their belief that he would slip into the house some night as cautiously as he had slipped out. They accordingly left the door unlocked for him at night.

When a year had passed away they were sure that he would return on the anniversary of his disappearance; and when she retired that night his mother left on the dining-room table those articles of food of which the boy had been most fond.

The custom was kept up every anniversary of the day for five years. So certain was the parents that he would return when he had been gone five years that they planned to have a party for him, to which they invited



THEN JOHN RAN AWAY.

ed the young people of the neighborhood.

Then ten years was the time toward which they looked forward, for they said: "Johnny will surely come home when he has been gone ten years."

The fifteenth and twentieth anniversaries of the boy's disappearance were as anxiously awaited by the parents. Three years ago they counted much on the twenty-fifth year since their boy ran away, at which time they were especially sure that he would return; and the mother was ready to greet him with an abundance of the delicacies of which he was fond.

Since the night that he disappeared not a thing has been heard from the missing son. But never for one instant would the parents entertain the belief that he was dead. Up to the hour of his death the other day William Miller expected his son's return. The aged mother, now alone, has taken up the watch. As for years past, in her sleepless nights, she listens for the opening of the door which for more than 28 years has never been locked.

Must Cut Off Their Beards.

The German emperor has issued his command, and the doctors must now cut off their beards. The Kaiser's own physician as well as the emperor's and their assistants, we are told, will be obliged to shave, and the army surgeons may next expect to receive their orders. The cause of all this stir, of course, is the dangerous little microbe. The creatures, it is found, attach themselves easily to a physician's beard or mustache when he examines his patients' throats, etc., and it is possible then for him to carry the disease in his beard to some other person. Two German professors and a French professor have studied the matter thoroughly, and the former go so far as to say that a skull cap should be worn by the physicians in the sick room.

The First of Homesteaders.
Dr. Daniel Freeman, of Gage county, Nebraska, is known as the "first homesteader." He is living on the first farm the government gave away under the homestead act. His home is about five miles west of Beatrice. His original entry of 160 acres has expanded until it is now a well-stocked farm of 1,200 acres.

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The Consolation Prize.

Louise—Alice has quit giving bridal presents.
Ethel—How queer! What is her reason?
Louise—Well, she says when a wedding invitation comes she feels happier if she takes some money and buys herself a new book.—Detroit Free Press.

Family Pride.

"Mr. Cumrox is only suffering from an ordinary cold, I believe," said the sympathetic visitor.
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—Washington Star.

Mustn't Do It Again.

Poet—I was pleased to see my poem in your paper. Is there any money—
Editor—Oh, no, we shan't charge you anything this time. It is your first offense, you know. If, however, it is repeated, we cannot let you off again so easily.—Boston Transcript.

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"I wonder why the baby cries so much," said the young mother.
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"Because it is a baby," replied the uncle.—Chicago Post.

No Mixed Drinks.

"Did the prisoner indulge in oburgations?" asked the young attorney of the witness.
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